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In re Application of

George, et al.

Application No. 10/079,927 : DECISION ON PETITION

Filed: February 19, 2002 :

Attorney Docket No. 020375-003300US :

This is a decision on the petition to withdraw the holding of abandonment under 37 CFR 1.181, filed June 12, 2006.

The petition is **GRANTED**.

The above-identified application became abandoned for failure to timely file a reply in response to the non-final Office action mailed June 9, 2005. A Notice of Abandonment was mailed on May 30, 2006.

A review of the application file reveals the presence of an Amendment filed on August 22, 2005. Accordingly, it is obvious that the Notice of Abandonment was mailed in error.

In view thereof, the holding of abandonment is withdrawn.

The matter is being forwarded to Group Art Unit 3621 for consideration of the Amendment filed August 22, 2005.

Telephone inquiries regarding this decision should be directed to the undersigned at (571)272-3207.

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